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No Means Existed by Which Lieutenant Governor Could Act When Governor Was Within State—Governor Lilley Is Somewhat Improved, But Is Critically Ill.

(Special from United Press.)

Hartford, April 7.—The condition of Governor George L. Lilley, who is seriously ill at his home here remains practically unchanged to-day although his physicians feel greatly encouraged by the verdict of Dr. Janeway which was that the case was not as serious as they feared he might think it to be.

The Governor passed a comfortable night and rested well this morning. No formal statement was issued to-day by the physicians in attendance as they stated that they could only await developments. It was learned, however, that sufficient improvement is expected in the Governor's condition within the next two or three weeks that will warrant his removal to a more beneficial climate.

The Governor at all times, but very weak. Both Houses of the state legislature passed a resolution to-day granting the Lieutenant Governor the right to exercise the authority of the Governor, during Mr. Lilley's illness.

While Governor Lilley has not yet relinquished the reins of government, preparations were made by the General Assembly to-day for him to be succeeded by Lieutenant Governor Weeks while he himself is incapacitated, as Governor of the State of Connecticut. The resolution which follows was drafted by the Attorney General after a consultation between himself, Executive Secretary Goodwin and Senator Searls, Lieutenant Governor Weeks.

"When by reason of his sickness or injury the Governor, while in the state is incapacitated to exercise the power and authority pertaining to the office of Governor, upon his request or in case he be incapacitated to make

such request, then upon the request of the secretary of state, the Lieutenant Governor shall exercise the power and authority pertaining to the office of Governor during such incapacity of the Governor."

There was considerable discussion in the Senate as to the form in which this bill was drawn rather than the advisability of its passage. Senator Fenner raised the point that it should be drawn in a more definite manner and pointed out the possible unconstitutionality of the General Assembly's action in amending the constitution by a simple resolution. In a masterly manner Senator Searls explained that the constitution was not in itself a grant of power but a limitation, and that the General Assembly had all power except such that was expressly prohibited by the constitution. Senator Chase noted the constitutionality of the States to show that a similar provision exists in it. Senator Luther, while willing to vote for the resolution stated that he did so with some misgivings as to its form and Senator Lattimer agreed with him on that. Senator Searls said, however, that it later on the General Assembly became convinced that this law ought not to remain on the books, it could be repealed at the end of this session but that there certainly was a necessity for its passage now.

The Senate passed the resolution and immediately transmitted it to the House under a suspension of the rules. It was later passed by the House. The understanding is that Governor Lilley has not been consulted on this exact point but that he has expressed a willingness to give way to the Lieutenant Governor in order that the state should not be without a Governor.

It is also understood that Lieutenant Governor Weeks will follow the

Governor's policies in all matters of legislation and will act in the same manner regarding appointments.

Legislation which has been favorably acted upon and come to the Governor for his signature and is not signed or returned with a veto until three legislative days have passed becomes a law in any case so that it is not strictly necessary that there be a Governor de facto to sign laws.

The General Assembly will delay a final action on all matters in which the Governor was especially interested or on which he would be likely to take a stand in variance with that taken by the legislature until the outcome of his illness can be better determined so as to preserve to him his veto power if he becomes able to use it. It is not expected that he will take any further part actively in the doings of the present session for as soon as he is able he will leave the state and Lieutenant Governor Weeks will succeed him as the acting Governor.

Under a several appointments yet to be made by the Governor and the constitution provides that if these are not made by the first of next month the Governor loses the right to make them and the legislature may do this. The most important of these are the appointments to the Superior Court bench, necessitated by the vacancies which will come next year and which must be made while the General Assembly is in session. The two recently made were made under the law passed this session providing two extra judges for this bench. The most prominent candidates for these judgeships are State Chairman Michael Kenney of Stamford, Judge John F. Cooper of New Britain, Judge A. McMattey of New Britain, State Attorney Frank D. Haines of Middletown and Assistant State Attorney John P. Kellogg of Waterbury.

ANNIVERSARY OF
GREAT SHOWMAN'S
DEATH IS TODAY

Reminiscences of Man Who Was Bridgeport's Most Public Spirited Citizen.

His Start in Show Business Was Old Negress Whom He Exhibited as Nurse of George Washington — He Was Once an Editor.

This evening at 6:34 will mark the eighteenth anniversary of the death of Bridgeport's most famous and public spirited citizen; through whom the name of Bridgeport became known to the world. Phineas T. Barnum. On Monday April 6, 1891, Mr. Barnum was taken seriously ill and on the following day he died. The funeral, memorable to every resident of this city, was attended by a closing of every place of business in the city.

The life of such a man, who with one of the most exacting and absorbing business natures, was able to find a way in which to help his city and state, is necessarily interesting and instructive. The late P. T. Barnum, whose death is commemorated to-day, was Mayor of this city, a representative to the state assembly for four terms and a candidate for Congress. He donated to the city a large part of Seaside Park, by far the most beautiful park along the coast. He built the Scientific Building at Main and Gilbert streets, besides giving large sums to the Bridgeport Hospital, the Library and other institutions and charities in the city. East Washington Park is also in part his gift.

Barnum was born in Bethel in 1800 and after getting his education in that town he went to New York at the age of twelve and as an assistant to a cattle driver he "did the city, for at which he relates he was soundly thrashed, having spent the dollar his mother gave him to be used in case of dire necessity. Returning to his home he started to work but showed a marked aversion to labor. In the bargaining line, however, he was very successful and he began anything to be gained by bluffing he gained it.

With a cash capital of \$20, and the remains of a severe attack of smallpox, Barnum opened a tavern in Brooklyn and started to drift on to fortune, but with varying vicissitudes. He made good but had a taste for the liquor business was back to the hotel and started an agency for the Louisiana lottery, and with his usual ability, got the business firmly established.

The various rebuffs he received from the townspeople and forthwith start to square up old accounts. In as many years he was prosecuted three times for libel and at each was released for 60 days. The triumphant exit from the bars with a host of his admirers was a matter of sweet memory to many old friends of the showman.

An old negress, whom he found in 1839, started Barnum on his real career. Exhibiting her as an old nurse of General George Washington, he began to make money. His fortunes varied with the winds, however, and it was not long before he was in the show business, then back into the show line. In 1841, with the founding of the American Museum, at Ann street and on the north side of Fairfield avenue, he was established and although he was severely pressed many times, he never after succumbed to financial difficulties.

It was in 1843 that Barnum saw possibilities in this city and coming here he built a large and showy residence, on the north side of Fairfield avenue, where only a section of the iron fence remains to-day. This is at Iranistan and Fairfield avenues. The old mansion, Iranistan, (Oriental garden), with its grounds covered three blocks and with its oriental aspect and the great festivities within was the object of visits from people from all over the country. The house burned down. Subsequently he built another house, on the south side of Fairfield avenue, still standing and the home at Seaside Park, Marina, in which he passed away.

COLUMBUS DAY
TO BE HOLIDAY

Judiciary Committee Votes Favorably Upon Bill to This Purpose—Other Legislative Business.

(Special from United Press.)

Hartford, April 7.—Connecticut is to have another holiday. This fact became known today when it was learned that the Judiciary committee in executive session yesterday voted to report favorably on the bill making Columbus day, October 12, a legal holiday. As the general sentiment of the legislature in favor of honoring the discoverer of America, the bill will no doubt pass.

Chairman Rogers of the committee on Military Affairs made it plain in the House this morning that his committee will report favorably on no measures providing for the erection of a new armory in any Connecticut town. The matter under discussion was that providing an armory for Middletown and the House turned this down and also the bill providing for an armory at Danbury.

An appropriation of \$3,000 for indexing the general statutes was reported by the committee on Appropriations.

The House passed a resolution for the Chapter House of Freeville Baldwin Stowe's Chapter of the D. A. R. in Milford was fought out in the House today and resulted in a victory for the D. A. R. The resolution in question incorporates this chapter of the D. A. R. and after getting the report of the committee on Incorporations because of its rule to report no tax exemptions. Mr. Smith of Milford led the opposition, but with ringing speech which fairly reeked with patriotism there was no question about the action of the House when he had finished. Chairman Barker of the committee made a determined effort to have the House pass an amendment eliminating the exemption clause but it was voted down.

Among other matters passed by the House were the following: An act making the closed season for wood duck hunting, before the first of August, 1909; a resolution authorizing the city of Norwalk to issue bonds; an act changing the fees for a hunting license; an act taking the word "knowingly" out of the narcotic drug law.

THOUGHT THEY
LIVED IN CITY

Black Rock Folks Believed City Was Slighting Them In Placing Hydrants.

Three fires within a few weeks in rapidly growing Black Rock has caused the residents of that section to wake up to the idea of becoming a part of the second tax district. Several of the residents were of the idea that they were entitled to fire protection night before last when the McDonald barn burned, but on enquiry they have found that Chief Mooney could have halted the fire engine coming from the Black Rock district, but it was a shame that the city did not give them more hydrants when the rest of the city was getting them. They did not know they are suburban residents.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

Following an illness of three days duration, Michael Frederick died at Dayton, Ohio, April 3. He was the father of Mrs. J. L. Kennedy of 54 James street, and William B. Frederick, who resides at 234 Church street. He was a man of 67 years. He formerly resided in Middletown, Conn. and was buried by his children in that city shortly before his death. They made all possible haste for Dayton, arriving just in time to see their father before he breathed his last. He accompanied the body back to Middletown where it was interred yesterday.

MICHEL WILL NOT
RETRACT STATEMENT

Peter Michel appeared at the county court house, yesterday, to take out his first papers, but with profound ignorance on his part as to the necessary data required by the government, he failed to do so. He was arrested at 244 Church street, gave his date of birth as June 26, 1888, and his arrival in this country in New York, as May of the same year. He was a man of 67 years. He formerly resided in Middletown, Conn. and was buried by his children in that city shortly before his death. They made all possible haste for Dayton, arriving just in time to see their father before he breathed his last. He accompanied the body back to Middletown where it was interred yesterday.

TWO SITES IN VIEW

The Fire commissioners in looking over the Ninth district for an engine house site have found two lots which they favor. One is on the south side of Berkshire avenue, between William and Knowlton streets, and the other is on the south side of Huntington road, between William street and Noble avenue.

The commissioners are only considering the sites for the future development of the department, and will not build this year. They believe that a site should be secured while land is cheap.

AUBREY RESIGNS.

(Special from United Press.)

Meriden, April 7.—Alfred J. Aubrey, president and general manager of the Meriden Fire Arms Plant to-day resigned because of his health. He has sold his interests to Sears & Roebuck, who established the concern. Mr. Aubrey will take an extended rest.

MRS. HAWLEY ILL

Sheriff Sidney E. Hawley left this noon for New York in response to a telegram notifying him of the serious illness of his wife, who is visiting her sister. Sheriff and Mrs. Hawley had been on a pleasure trip to the big city when Mrs. Hawley was taken ill with the grippe. Mr. Hawley returned to the city yesterday, only to be called away this morning.

CHILDREN'S RECEPTION
ON EASTER MONDAY

Those Who Attend Are Asked to Bring Flowers, Money, or Something Else for the Little Ones.

DAUGHTERS TELL
OF FATHER'S SAD
MISCONDUCT

Hoffman Divorce Closes To-day After Much Unprofitable Evidence Is Taken.

Wanted—At once, first-class barber, Gun Meyer, 307 State street. U 7 s 10

FOR SALE—Household furniture, 1118 East Main street. U 7 b 10

TO RENT—Room for light housekeeping, 70 Elm street. U 7 s 10

FOR SALE—Light wagon, horse and harness. Address, 791 E. Main street. U 7 s 10

FOR SALE—Antique desk and antique five piece parlor suit, 1000 Broad street. U 7 s 10

MADAM CARLYN great English clairvoyant and palmist tells all your troubles to know. Can be consulted at 947 Broad street. U 7 s 10

BRAD SAYS. Stand from under that old suit. Get under one of our nobby new ones for Easter. See Brad about it. 1294 Main. a 10

FOR SALE—A well established meat and grocery business reasonable for cash. Owner retiring from business. Inquire 285 Bunnell St. U 7 b 10

FOR SALE—Bargain. Practically new 1907 two-cylinder automobile, shaft drive. 352 Carroll avenue. U 7 b 10

TO RENT—A six room flat newly papered and painted, 1235 Iranistan avenue, improvements. Inquire of The Standard Millinery Co., 153 E. Main avenue. U 7 s 10

DURING THE fluctuation of the spring rush on bicycles, we forgot to mention our electric baskets for motor cycles, launches, elevators, door bells, etc., big fat juicy price 25c, at O'Neill's. U 6 s 10

SCHOONER MATTIE & LENA is in with a load of live cod for sale. Stateford Ave. Bridge. U 6 s 10

EASTER SPECIAL—Trimmed hats for \$5.00, all the week. J. M. Tucker, 370 Fairfield Ave. U 6 b 10

TO RENT—Ten room house, 685 Fairfield avenue, improvements. U 6 d 10

WANTED—First class carriage painter. Address Howard Bussett, Newtown, Ct. U 6 s 10

TO RENT—Fine residence, 202 Washington Ave. Close location, large lot, excellent barn, all in a condition; rent reasonable. S. B. Brewster, Arcadia. U 6 t 10

TO RENT—10 room house, improvements, Main St., Paradise Green, Stratford, from April 1. Large lot. Will lease or sell. S. B. Brewster, Arcadia. U 6 t 10

GIRL WANTED—To work extra in Lane's Candy Store. U 5 s 10

TO RENT—Five room flat, all improvements, room in attic. Enquire 174 Brooks St. U 5 s 10

WANTED—Board and room by man and wife with child three months old in private family. Williams, Care Farmer. U 5 s 10

TO RENT—5 rooms, 1st floor, 1 in attic, all improvements, 191 Catherine St., 10 minutes walk to Read's store. Anderson & Co., 932 Main St. S 22 t 10

TO RENT—6 room flat with improvements, at \$15, Randall Ave. No objection if 2 small families double up. Call 1234 Main. o 10

GREAT RELIEF from headache and constipation. Casca Laxative tablets, 25 cts. B 3 s 10

JAMES J. SHEEHAN, popular hatter, 974 E. Main St., has the goods. Cash and verify. H 30 t 10 135

BRATWURST, pigs' hocks, country pork a specialty. M. C. Nagel, 653 East Main St. G 7 t 10 135

SAUSAGE that's home made, all liver pudding and blood pudding can be purchased to-morrow at Mark Nagel's, 653 East Main street, and John Porter's, 318 Warren St. These goods are made by Blitz at 95 State St. H 11 t 10 135

PRATT'S CAFE, 137 Fairfield Ave., is sure to have what you want in ales, wines and liquors. Do not forget the fine free lunch served daily. G 28 s 10 135

HOT LUNCH, daily at Morton's Cafe, 158 Fairfield Avenue, Everhardt's Cafe, Lager and Smith's Philadelphia Ale on draught. T 9 t 10 135

THE BOSTON CLEANING AND DYEING CO., 187 Fairfield Ave. Our work the best. Our prices 116 t 10 135

WE DO THE RIGHT kind of picture hanging at lowest prices. Street Art Store, 1219 Main St., Stratford building. I 30 s 10